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Press Release

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Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP Files Class Action Suit Against Telik, Inc.

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP ("Lerach Coughlin") (<http://www.lerachlaw.com/cases/telik/>) today announced that a class action has been commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of purchasers of Telik, Inc. ("Telik") (NASDAQ: [TELK](#) - [News](#)) common stock during the period between March 27, 2003 and June 4, 2007 (the "Class Period"), including purchasers in Telik's November 5, 2003 and January 28, 2005 stock offerings (the "Offerings").

If you wish to serve as lead plaintiff, you must move the Court no later than 60 days from today. If you wish to discuss this action or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests, please contact plaintiff's counsel, Darren Robbins of Lerach Coughlin at 800/449-4900 or 619/231-1058, or via e-mail at ws1@lerachlaw.com. If you are a member of this class, you can view a copy of the complaint as filed or join this class action online at <http://www.lerachlaw.com/cases/telik/>. Any member of the purported class may move the Court to serve as lead plaintiff through counsel of their choice, or may choose to do nothing and remain an absent class member.

The complaint charges Telik and certain of its officers and directors and its underwriters for the Offerings with violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Act of 1933. Telik is a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the discovery, development, and commercialization of small molecule drugs for the treatment of cancer and inflammatory diseases. Telik's lead product candidate during the Class Period was TELCYTA, a small molecule cancer drug product designed to be activated in cancer cells.

The complaint alleges that during the Class Period, defendants made false and misleading statements about the Company's business and prospects, including that they were on track to obtain FDA approval for the use of TELCYTA in the treatment of platinum-resistant or refractory ovarian cancer and small-cell lung cancer, and that TELCYTA was safe and effective for public use and the Company had conducted sufficient clinical studies to prove it. The complaint further alleges that, unbeknownst to the investing public, subjects in the TELCYTA trials were dying at alarming rates and doctors were pulling other subjects out early, compromising the data being gathered. As a result of defendants' false and misleading Class Period statements and omissions, Telik's stock traded at inflated levels during the Class Period, trading as high as \$29.04 per share by April 2004, whereby the Company sold over \$322 million worth of Telik stock in the Offerings. The Registration Statements and Prospectuses issued in connection with the Offerings were also false and misleading as they misstated the known safety and integrity flaws in the TELCYTA clinical trials.

On December 26, 2006, the Company announced that TELCYTA had failed in three arms of its final clinical testing - showing no efficacy in two of the three arms and unreliable clinical data in two of the three arms. The Company's stock plunged 70% in a single trading session - falling from over \$16 per share to below \$5 per share. The Company's stock price fell by another 20% on June 4, 2007, following disclosure of just how badly the ovarian cancer arm of the TELCYTA trials had failed, and then nearly 30% to \$3.42 per share on June 5, 2007, after the Company disclosed that the FDA had ordered Telik to immediately halt all TELCYTA clinical trials due to the alarming number of fatalities.

Plaintiff seeks to recover damages on behalf of all purchasers of Telik common stock during the Class Period (the "Class"). The plaintiff is represented by Lerach Coughlin, which has expertise in prosecuting investor class actions and extensive experience in actions involving financial fraud.

Lerach Coughlin, a 180-lawyer firm with offices in San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Boca Raton, Washington, D.C., Houston, Philadelphia and Seattle, is active in major litigations pending in federal and state courts throughout the United States and has taken a leading role in many important actions on behalf of defrauded investors, consumers, and companies, as well as victims of human rights violations. Lerach Coughlin lawyers have been responsible for more than \$45 billion in aggregate recoveries. The Lerach Coughlin Web site (<http://www.lerachlaw.com>) has more information about the firm.

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